

though by the bye, I have never used him ill, nor never intend to do it, because this is a very naughty trick. But poor *Shocky*, however, notwithstanding he is but a brute, may put many a fine gentleman, and many a handsome lady to the blush; for these, it is well known, are too often so unthankful and unfaithful, that upon every turn of fortune, or when they happen to raise themselves in the world, they will immediately despise and forget not only their former friends and acquaintance, but even their own relations, and the very parents who gave them birth. Poor contemptible wretches! who are so far from having a just claim to the honour of humanity, that they have not the goodness and the virtue even of a dog!—but not to put myself in a passion with them, (for, believe me, I can scarcely help it) I was going to tell you that my old *Shocky*, my good old *Shocky*, though he is but a beast, hath a wonderful deal of cunning and sagacity. For though he cannot play at cards or dice, like the learned dog in the

the shew, neither would I have him, (as being no gambler myself,) yet he can do that which is to me more surprizing. For whenever I walk out with him, as I frequently do in many public places about the town, he can smell out a naughty boy, or a naughty girl, even at the distance of twenty yards or more. Whether the creature does it by any particular instinct, or by the influence of any certain genius or fairy, I cannot pretend to say. I must leave it to be determined by the philosophers when they have nothing else to do. But be this as it will, whenever I chance in my walks to meet a boy or a girl (however finely dressed or grandly attended) who is guilty of fibbing, calling names, telling tales, cheating, torturing birds or other innocent animals, flinging stones, or crackers in the public streets, playing with fire, or by the side of rivers or ponds, disobeying their parents, neglecting their books, or of any other kind of mischief or naughtiness; then immediately *bow-wow-wow*, cries old *Shocky*, and running